



Hollister **POLICE DEPARTMENT**
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PRESS RELEASE

Vehicle Burglaries

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – July 8, 2009 – The Hollister Police Department is reminding people to use caution when leaving their vehicles parked during the evening hours. Citizens are encouraged to take measures to minimize the chance of having their property stolen from their parked vehicles.

This year from June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009, the Hollister Police Department has received approximately 21 reports of vehicle burglaries throughout various locations in the city. This number is up from 2008, when approximately 3 reports of vehicle burglaries were reported during this time frame.

The Hollister Police Department encourages motorists to lower the risk of theft from vehicles with the following suggestions:

- Always lock your car and take your keys with you -- no matter how quickly you'll return.
- Close the windows completely, including the sunroof.
- Park in well-lit areas where vehicle and foot traffic will deter theft.
- Place any valuables, packages, cell phones, radios, purses, briefcases or laptop computers out of sight.

The majority of the vehicle burglaries reported are being conducted during the nighttime hours and are considered the, "smash and grab," type. The unknown suspect(s) will break out a window to the vehicle and steal what is easily accessible and then flee the scene. The most common item reported stolen from the vehicles are the GPS navigational devices. This can be easily avoided by simply removing the portable GPS device before leaving your vehicle for the night.

If you observe a crime in progress please call 9-1-1 immediately or if you wish to file a report please contact the Hollister Police Department. Also, anyone with information about criminal activity is encouraged to call WeTIP if they wish to remain anonymous. People can contact WeTIP by calling 1-800-782-7463 or on the Internet at www.wetip.com.

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